

SB 431 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2024 SESSION

24-2966

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SENATE BILL

***431***

AN ACT

relative to wake surfing.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Gendreau, Dist 1; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Rep. J. MacDonald, Carr. 6; Rep. Rombeau, Hills. 2; Rep. Soucy, Merr. 21; Rep. Coker, Belk. 2; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4

COMMITTEE:

Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill adds restrictions for engaging in wake surfing on a public body of water.

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Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four*

AN ACT relative to wake surfing.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1       1 Motorboats Towing Water Skiers and Aquaplanes. Amend RSA 270-D:3, VII to read as  
2 follows:

3       **VII. No person shall engage in wake surfing on a body of water that is less than 50**  
4 **acres in size.**

5       **VIII. No person shall engage in wake surfing within 200 feet of a shoreline, dock,**  
6 **pier, boathouse, or other boats or on a portion of a body of water with a width, measured**  
7 **from the nearest shoreline to the second nearest shoreline, of less than 400 feet.**

8       **IX.** No person shall operate a motorboat propelled by an outboard motor, inboard/outboard  
9 motor, or water jet while a person is wake surfing in or on the wake of such motorboat, unless the  
10 propulsion system is designed by the manufacturer for that activity.

11       **X. The department of safety shall promote best practices in wake surfing through**  
12 **boater safety education, including educating the operator of the motorboat to direct surf**  
13 **waves away from shorelines as is appropriate for the safety of the surfer and the operating**  
14 **conditions.**

15       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.